



Report from Mayor Jennifer Gregerson

to the Community, City Council and City Staff

July 8, 2014

My monthly report on my activities, ensuring that I remain accountable and connected to our community.

Summer Newsletter Published

- Check out our first web-edition of the city's newsletter, available at http://www.ci.mukilteo.wa.us/files/nltr_2014_summer.pdf

A Great Team

- Interviewed finance director candidates with a team of internal finance staff members, other department directors and City Councilmembers, as well as two community members. I selected Scott Morgan and the Council confirmed that appointment. He will begin work with the City this month.
- Met with John Hodgson, consultant from Prothman Company, to discuss recruitment process for Management Services Director.

Community Outreach

- Visited the USS Nimitz as a guest of Rear Admiral Dee Mewbourne, along with County Executive John Lovick, Port Commissioner Troy McClelland and representatives from Senator Murray's office and Congressman Larsen's office.



Mayor Gregerson celebrated the opening of access to Edgewater Beach Park this month, along with Parks and Arts Commissioners Janet Hammerman and Jennifer Baxter, Port of Everett Commissioner Glen Bachman, City Councilmember Chris Cook and Port of Everett Commissioner Tom Stiger, along with many residents and visitors. This is the first opportunity to access the Park since 2005, and the first chance to legally access the path along the tank farm in more than a half century.

It was a unique opportunity to tour the Nimitz and meet the servicemen and women who live and contribute in our communities.

- Was the featured guest speaker for the Kiwanis meeting in early June, answered questions about the waterfront, Japanese Gulch, and plans for the Harbour Reach extension.

- Met with a group of neighbors to discuss neighborhood concerns. Through the economic downturn, it seems to me that some businesses have downsized and turned to a home business location. As the economy improves and their business increases, we face some small but growing conflicts with these home-based businesses and their residential neighbors. We brought together staff from a number of city departments to ensure we have a coordinated and consistent response.
- Attended monthly lunch with South Snohomish County Mayors, discussed regional organizations that we all participate in, such as SERS and SnoCom, as well as regionalizing fire service.
- Attended the first Farmers Market of the season and supported our planning staff who conducted some public outreach at the meeting to get feedback on a vision for Mukilteo and ideas for Japanese Gulch. Keep an eye out for them through the summer and share your

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perspectives!

- Met with Arnie's business owners and land owners to discuss improvement plans for the property.
- Attended the Mukilteo Youth Advisory Committee meeting. The group is interested in doing more service projects in the coming year. I'm pleased to be able to participate with an energetic and motivated group of young residents.



Mayor Gregerson speaks every other month at the Harbour Pointe Retirement Center with residents and guests. She updates them on city news and answers questions. The next visit is scheduled for August 13 at 10am.

- Attended Lynnwood Mayor Nicola Smith's State of the City address.
- Attended a training on open government hosted by the Port of Everett.
- Met with Marci Zainwel and Diana Sundal, coordinators of the July 12-13 Relay for Life being held at Kamiak High

School.

- Attended the Master Builder's Association annual meeting and dinner.
- Attended Association of Washington Cities conference for training and education.
- Attended the Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce Car Show.



Mayor Gregerson attended the inaugural meeting of Paws on Patrol, an initiative by Officer Colt Davis in the Police Department. Dog-walkers in Mukilteo will be keeping their eyes open for suspicious activity, and are trained to call the police if they see anything unusual.

A Vibrant Economy

- Attended Economic Alliance of Snohomish County's Aerospace in Action meeting, a meeting of government, aerospace suppliers and education providers. We discussed coming investments in the education pipeline, grants, and infrastructure needs.
- Attended Affordable Housing Conference in Everett to discuss challenges and strategies. Congresswoman

Suzan Delbene and HUD Region X Director Bill Block opened the conference.

- Attended the City Council's Economic Development Committee meeting. Our city staff shared that we have changed the business license form to better match economic indicators, so that we can gather better information about our businesses. The second meeting this month provided an opportunity to discuss lighthouse operations with the Mukilteo Historical Society board.



Lighthouse Park is getting busy for the summer! Remember, you can always take Community Transit bus 113 to the waterfront.

A Safe Community

- Welcomed Domestic Violence Services to Rosehill for a two day conference. I'm pleased that we have a good relationship with DVS of Snohomish County, and that we hosted this important conversation with service providers and public safety professionals.
- Attended a women's Self Defense Awareness workshop organized by the Police Department.
- Attended Council's Public

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Safety Committee meeting. We discussed the Fire District 1 contract negotiations and got their feedback and questions.

- Met with Fire District 1 and members of the Public Safety Committee to discuss contract negotiations and answer questions.



The Edgewater Beach Park interim access is now open, to pedestrians and bicyclists! You can access it across from the Sound Transit platform on the waterfront.

Waterfront and Japanese Gulch

- Celebrated the opening of Edgewater Beach Pedestrian and Bicycle Interim Access improvement project.
- Celebrated the acquisition of all 140 acres of Japanese Gulch at a ribbon cutting and volunteer work party. We recently awarded a contract to Barker Landscaping to help coordinate our master plan process for Japanese Gulch.
- Attended the WSF and City Coordination meeting to discuss traffic mitigation for the Multimodal Terminal Project. We discussed options related to Goat Trail Road and SR525 intersection improvements, including pedestrian crossing and sight distance improvements.
- Attended the monthly Parks and Arts Commission meeting to answer questions about waterfront development.



Mayor Jennifer Gregerson celebrated the acquisition of Japanese Gulch at a ribbon cutting this month. Volunteers worked that afternoon on some trail cleanup.

- Attended key communicator meeting at the Port of Everett. They shared their vision for the Waterfront Place redevelopment plan, and some information about challenges facing the port. The Port recently earned a Presidential Award, and are among the top 10 ports on the west coast.



Mayor Gregerson and Ewa Wheeler get some tips on self defense from Andre Lannertone, owner of Inner-Strength Self Defense in Mukilteo.

Sustainability

- Discussed with staff pocket park concepts for space near Chamber of Commerce building.
- Met with Green Team for the monthly discussion. Discussed options for janitorial services and products, using more LED lights in city facilities and parks.